

ASH GROVE CEMENT COMPANY

"WESTERN REGION"

August 10, 1995

Ms. Melissa McAfee
Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency
110 Union Street, Suite 500
Seattle, WA. 98101-203

Re: Notice of Violation #33907

Dear Ms. McAfee,

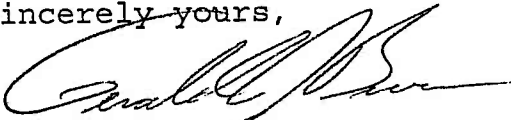
The Notice of Violation #33907 received on July 31, 1995 for a June 23, 1995 event required a report on proposed actions to be taken to achieve continuous compliance.

The NOV refers to an event which occurred at the "preheat end of the kiln" at 8:30 am on June 23, 1995. This description of the event location is confusing since there is no such area of the kiln. In trying to determine if the emission was kiln related, a check of the process records for this period showed that the kiln was in production. There were no emissions from the kiln on the date and at the time cited.

Records show however, that an event did occur on June 23 between 0820 and 0835 hours and PSAPCA was notified at 10:05 am. This event which occurred near the preheater tower was of short duration approximately 5-7 minute. The event occurred soon after a shut down of the raw mill and was due to a previously undetected computer programming error. This error kept the bag house ambient (bleed) air damper from closing and permitted dust to escape from the system. The problem was quickly diagnosed and corrected. With the programming change, there have been no further equipment malfunctions.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Gerald J. Brown
Manager, Safety and Environment

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